

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1316

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A RESOLUTION to honor Tim Burchett upon his exemplary tenure as Mayor of Knox County.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those public servants who have performed their duties with the utmost probity and integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Tim Burchett is one such distinguished public servant who has served ably as Knox County Mayor since September 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as Knox County Mayor, Tim Burchett has applied his legislative experience in the State Capitol at the local level to save taxpayers millions of dollars and restored the public's trust in Knox County government by providing quality services and championing efficiency in government; and

WHEREAS, guided by the principles of entrepreneurship, confidence in the free market, and a sincere desire to serve the people of Knox County, Mayor Burchett has distinguished himself as one of the most effective mayors/executives in the county's history; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Burchett attributes his commitment to a career in public service to his parents, Charlie and Joyce Burchett, both of whom were educators and taught him the value of hard work and service to others; and

WHEREAS, truly a hometown product, Mayor Burchett is a graduate of Bearden High School and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, from which he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Burchett founded and operated a successful small business until seeking election to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1994; after serving four years in

that body, he was elected to and served three terms as the State Senator for the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Knox County; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the General Assembly, Mayor Burchett earned a reputation as an effective legislator who put honesty, integrity, and constituent service above partisanship and political expediency; and

WHEREAS, he served astutely as secretary of the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee and chairman of its Budget Subcommittee and Deputy Speaker of the Senate for the 105<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during his eight years as Knox County Mayor, Tim Burchett has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to this office an honorable bearing and the time-honored values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, having proved himself to be a thoughtful and dedicated leader, Tim Burchett is eager to offer himself for public service in a new capacity and is seeking the office of U.S. Congressman for Tennessee's 2<sup>nd</sup> District; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Tim Burchett is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Tim Burchett upon his exemplary tenure as Mayor of Knox County, commend his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Knox County, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.